

## **MaineDOT 2014-2015 Transportation Project Requests** **Hancock County**

- A convenient on-line survey is available at [www.hcpcme.org](http://www.hcpcme.org).
- Paper responses can be faxed to 667-2099 or mailed to:  
Jim Fisher, Hancock County Planning Commission, 395 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605
- Please contact Jim Fisher at HCPC (667-7131 or [jfisher@hcpcme.org](mailto:jfisher@hcpcme.org)) for assistance.
- Use additional pages, as necessary, to fill out project information.
- We must have all responses from towns by 4:00 PM April 23, and preferably much sooner.

**Name of person entering information into this form:**

**Person filling out this form works at:**

- ☐ **RPC**
- ☐ **Municipality**
- ☐ **Other (Please specify):**

### **SECTION 1: Municipality Contact & Elected Official Information and Sign-off**

**Name of Municipality:** Lamoine

**Contact Person Name:** Stuart Marckoon

**Title:** Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen/Road Commissioner

**Phone:** 667-2242

**Email:** town@lamoine-me.gov

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**Elected Official Name (please print):** S. Josephine Cooper

**Title:** Chair, Board of Selectmen

**Phone:** 664-6016 (w) 667-7062 (h)

**Email:** jcooper@friendsinactionellsworth.org

**Signature of Elected Official** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** April 5, 2012

## **SECTION 2: Highway Improvement Projects**

This section is to request only **reconstruction or paving** for highway projects. However, it should include additional project components; such as, sidewalks. For stand-alone sidewalk projects, please apply under the Quality Communities program. Use road names, bridges and other assets to describe the location of potential projects.

☐ **The municipality is not submitting any highway improvement projects for the 2014-2015 MaineDOT Work Plan.**

### **Priority #1 – Highway Improvement**

**Route #(s):** 184

**Roadway name:** Douglas Highway

**Project Scope (e.g., paving or reconstruction):** Reconstruction of road shoulders

**Location (Description of the location of the project using bridges, road names and other assets, etc.):** From US Route 1 in Ellsworth to State Route 204 (Pinkham's Flats) ID'd on MDOT Six year plan as candidate #18827

**Issue (Describe why the project is needed, and any related issues, such as; safety, flooding, etc.):** This is truly a safety issue. The road bed is in such poor condition that the last overlay job lasted approximately 2- months. The frost heaves have caused extreme damage to vehicles traveling in the late winter/early spring. Collapsing travel lanes and shoulders pull vehicle off the road. Extreme heaves cause vehicles to swerve into the oncoming lane or onto the shoulders to avoid damage.

**Other Information (Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions):** This road is used by 90% of the residents to get to and from US Route 1, and is also the road leading to Lamoine State Park, a big state run tourist destination. It is in deplorable condition. Emergency response vehicles cannot drive at the speed limit as it's so rough that it's dangerous to do so and causes equipment to bounce and break.

### **Priority #2 – Highway Improvement**

**Route #(s):** 184

**Roadway name:** Lamoine Beach Road

**Project Scope (e.g., paving or reconstruction):** Reconstruction, aesthetic sign improvements at end of road.

**Location** (*Description of the location of the project using bridges, road names and other assets, etc.*): Identified as Candidate 19016 on the Maine DOT Six Year plan, beginning at Latona Lane and extending to the end of the road at Lamoine Beach

**Issue** (*Describe why the project is needed, and any related issues, such as; safety, flooding, etc.*): Again, this is a safety issue. The road is in such rough shape that it causes drivers to swerve to avoid heaves and holes either onto the shoulders (which are badly deteriorated with large drop-offs) or into oncoming traffic. The road ends at Lamoine Beach where several people have driven into the water in the past 20-years, ending in fatalities. Temporary barriers and signage were erected after the last fatal accident in September 2011, but a better plan is needed (possibly a guardrail barrier instead of concrete Jersey barricades?).

**Other Information** (*Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions*): As with the other section of Route 184 ID'd in priority 1, public safety vehicles cannot travel at the posted speed limit because of the rough road condition. The last overlay paving job did not last the year, and there was a fatal accident on the road shortly after the last overlay in 2005. This road runs directly past Lamoine State Park, a state run tourist destination and ends at Lamoine Beach, a state owned and municipally maintained park. It is a very poor offering to park users. A bike lane/shoulder, at least from the park to Shore Road in Lamoine would be of tremendous value as well.

### **Priority #3 –Highway Improvement**

**Route #(s):** 204

**Roadway name:** Pinkhams Flats

**Project Scope** (*e.g., intersection improvement, safety improvement, guardrail, etc.*): Overlay, ditching.

**Location** (*Description of the location of the project using bridges, road names and other assets, etc.*): Entire length of Pinkhams Flats from intersection of Route 184 to intersection of Mud Creek Road

**Issue** (*Describe why the project is needed, and any related issues, such as; safety, flooding, etc.*): This is a safety matter – the road is badly broken up and rutted, and is extremely difficult to plow in the winter, causing slippery driving conditions. Potholes are appearing with great frequency.

**Other Information** (*Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions*): Several accidents have occurred on this straight stretch of road in the past few years due to the rough, rutted condition of the road and the inability to adequately initially plow.

### **SECTION 3: Other Highway Improvement Needs**

Please identify locations, and treatments, of other potential highway improvement projects (*e.g., safety projects, intersection improvements, new guardrail installation or existing guardrail upgrade, etc.*).

☐ **The municipality is not submitting any highway improvement projects for the 2014-2015 MaineDOT Work Plan.**

#### **Priority #1 – Other Highway Improvement Needs**

**Route #(s):** 3 & 204

**Roadway name:** Jordan River Road/Bar Harbor Road (Trenton)

**Project Scope** (*e.g., intersection improvement, safety improvement, guardrail, etc.*): Traffic Light

**Location** (*Description of the location of the project using bridges, road names and other assets, etc.*): Intersection of Route 3 and 204. (3-way intersection)

**Issue** (*Describe why the project is needed, and any related issues, such as; safety, flooding, etc.*): This is a safety issue as heavy traffic on Route 3, especially during summer months, makes it nearly impossible to enter from Route 204 in a timely fashion. This intersection is frequented by large trucks hauling gravel from Lamoine to Mt. Desert Island as well as the large workforce that travels from Lamoine and beyond to the Jackson Lab, Hinckley Yachts and other major employers on MDI. These motorists often take chances to “beat the traffic” at the intersection. There have been numerous crashes and countless close calls there.

**Other Information** (*Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions*): An actuated light to control access onto Route 3 would be of tremendous help. Lamoine provides mutual aid fire coverage to this area, and even emergency vehicles have trouble maneuvering onto Route 3 in an emergency when traffic is backed up on Route 204.

### **SECTION 4: Passenger and Freight Transportation Improvements**

*Please note that airport and bus-system candidates require a local funding match.*

**Passenger** projects provide alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, and include air, rail, bus or intermodal facility projects.

☒ **The municipality is not submitting any passenger transportation projects for the 2014-2015 MaineDOT Work Plan.**

***Freight*** projects may include projects, such as; intermodal connections, truck climbing lanes or intersection improvements for truck safety and marine projects.

☒ **The municipality is not submitting any freight transportation projects for the 2014-2015 MaineDOT Work Plan.**

**Priority #1 – Passenger and Freight Transportation Improvements**

**Project Type:**

- ☐ Passenger
- ☐ Freight

**Project Location:**

**Project Scope (*transit operations, capital maintenance, etc*):**

**Project Description (*include the reason the project is needed, what issues/concerns the project will address, etc.*):**

**Other Information (*Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions*):**

**Local Match Availability (*Is local match available for this project*):**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

**Priority #2 – Passenger and Freight Transportation Improvements**

**Project Type:**

- ☐ Passenger
- ☐ Freight

**Project Location:**

**Project Scope** (*transit operations, capital maintenance, etc.*):

**Project Description** (*include the reason the project is needed, what issues/concerns the project will address, etc.*):

**Other Information** (*Provide other relevant information for this project that may not fit into previously asked questions*):

**Local Match Availability** (*Is local match available for this project*):

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

## **SECTION 5: Quality Communities Competitive Transportation Programs**

Please contact Dan Stewart at MaineDOT to apply for any of the programs listed below.

Phone: (207) 624-3252

Email: [dan.stewart@maine.gov](mailto:dan.stewart@maine.gov)

HCPC can assist towns in applying for these programs.

### **Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program**

This program supports construction, maintenance or renovation of tie-up facilities for transient, non-trailerable, recreational boats that are 26' and longer, and typically, this means transient floats, gangways and other marine facilities located along coastal waters. This program requires a 25% local share.

- ☐ Yes, the municipality is interested in this program, and will contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ Maybe, the municipality may be interested in this program, and may contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ No, at this time, the municipality is not interested in this program, and does not plan to contact Dan Stewart for additional information.

### **Safe Routes to School**

MaineDOT seeks projects that enable, encourage and substantially improves the ability of children; including those with disabilities, to safely walk and bicycle to/from school, and school activities, within two miles of an elementary or middle school. The major goals of the program are to increase bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety by improving the conditions for walking and bicycling to school. This program provides up to 100% federal share.

- ☐ Yes, the municipality is interested in this program, and will contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ Maybe, the municipality may be interested in this program, and may contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ No, at this time, the municipality is not interested in this program, and does not plan to contact Dan Stewart for additional information.

### **Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP)**

Promotes economic development, public access, improved commercial fishing opportunities and works to preserve, and create, infrastructure at facilities in tidewater and coastal municipalities. SHIP assists municipalities in improving or creating facilities, such as; public wharves, piers, landings and boat ramps. This program requires a 20% local share.

- ☐ Yes, the municipality is interested in this program, and will contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ Maybe, the municipality may be interested in this program, and may contact Dan Stewart for application information.
- ☐ No, at this time, the municipality is not interested in this program, and does not plan to contact Dan Stewart for additional information.

### **Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program**

This program helps communities improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, and provides transportation options that relate to surface transportation under the eligible categories of TE in order to support locally-initiated projects that improve the community transportation environment, economic vibrancy, safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, downtown revitalization initiatives and environmental mitigation. This program requires a 20% minimum local share.

- ☐ Yes, the municipality is interested in this program, and will contact Dan Stewart for application information.
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